



## AMUSEMENTS.

J. C. WILLIAMSON'S THEATRE.  
Direction: J. C. WILLIAMSON, LTD.  
Managing Director: Gen. T. Hall, Hugh J. Ward,  
Clyde Myer.

HER MAJESTY'S, NIGHTLY, AT 7.45.  
LAST EIGHT NIGHTS OF THE PANTO SEASON.  
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FINAL MATINEES,  
SATURDAY, AT 1.45.  
MONDAY (KING'S BIRTHDAY), 1.45.  
WEDNESDAY, AT 1.45.

J. C. WILLIAMSON'S  
GORGEOUS ANNUAL PANTOMIME EXTRAVAGANZA.  
MOTHER GOOSE.

A BOUT OF NEW ARTISTS. A BOUT OF FUN.  
COLOUR, MUSIC, ENCHANTMENT,  
BALLET, BEAUTY, SPECIALITIE.

To France he now is going,  
To Paris he now is going,  
To see how the Parisians chose  
Our little Billy Hughes.

PRODUCED BY CHAR. A. WENMAN,  
Music Director: Andrew MacLean.

PLAN at Paling's 8 p.m., thereafter at Her  
Majesty's. Matinee, Day Sale at Call's.

CRITERION. TO-NIGHT, AT 8.

LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON.  
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It was worth seeing when Miss Muriel Starr made a  
success in it. But it is now somehow different,  
much better.—"Sunday Times."

J. C. WILLIAMSON, LTD.,  
present.

MADGE FABIAN AS MADAME X.  
WITH A BRILLIANT CAST,  
including

FRANK HARVEY, SIDNEY STERLING, GERALD KAY,  
ROBERT ARTHUR GREENAWAY, CHARLES LAWRENCE,  
ARTHUR CORNELL, LEONARD STEPHENS,  
LEWIS, H. C. VANCE, ROBERT LOCHARD, GWEN  
BURBIDGE, ALMA BOYD, PHILLIPS.

RARELY MAN SUCH A TRUMPEN BEEN WITNESSED  
IN A SYDNEY THEATRE.

Play produced by GEORGE BARNUM.

PLAN at Paling's 8 p.m., and thereafter with Day  
Sale at White Rose, Pitt-street.

CRITERION, SATURDAY NEXT.

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A REASON OF MERRIMENT.  
Gurgling, Bubbling, Bursting Laughter.

Roi Cooper Maguire's Soap Comedy.

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Presenting:

A GREAT COMPANY OF COMEDIANS,  
A GREAT COMPANY OF COMEDIANS,  
headed by

HALE HAMILTON.

MYRTLE TANNETTLE.

Permanent First-nights as usual. Plan at Paling's  
Today.

THEATRE. ROYAL.  
Directors: J. C. WILLIAMSON, LTD.

AT 2 P.M., TWICE DAILY; AT 8 P.M.,  
TWICE DAILY.

THE BIRTH OF A NATION.

Last 8 Days. Positively the Season  
will end June 6. Last 8 Days.

Last 8 Days. The picture is being otherwise booked.

Last 8 Days. Over one hundred and  
one thousand persons have seen the  
picture.

Last 8 Days. Suspenseful Production  
of the greatest dramatic

Last 8 Days. Last 8 Days. Last 8 Days.

Last 8 Days. Last 8 Days. Last 8 Days.

THE BIRTH OF A NATION.  
WILL NOT BE SHOWN IN THE SUBURBS.  
Beautiful orchestral score.

Matthews: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26,  
27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.

PLAN at Paling's (Reserved Seats 2/6) until 8 p.m.,  
thereafter, with Day Sale, at Hill's, Castlereagh-street  
(next Theatre Royal).

THE STRAND, THE STRAND,  
Next to Her Majesty's, Pitt-street.

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By arrangement with Waddington's, Ltd.

FOX PHOTO-PLAY SUPREME  
comics.

MONDAY, MONDAY, MONDAY.

THE SOUL OF NEW YORK,  
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Featuring Valie Burnett,  
The Girl of the Month of all them all.

MANAGERIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

In future the programmes at his Theatre will be  
changed on Monday, instead of on Saturday, as heretofore.

COMPLETE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME  
FOR ONE DAY ONLY,  
and then

THE SOUL OF NEW YORK\* ON MONDAY.

THE DANDIES. Mr. Edward Sanderson presents  
THE DANDIES. (Entirely New Company),  
THE DANDIES. THE DANDIES.

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THE DANDIES. THE DANDIES.









## THE WAR.

## VERDUN BATTLE.

## TRENTINO.

## ITALY'S CAMPAIGN.

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Important Bulgarian forces are concentrating at Nevrokop. The Greeks still hold the town of Demir-Hissar, but the inhabitants have left.

## GERMANY.

## FOOD SUPPLY.

## COMMUNAL FEEDING.

## PRUSSIAN THOROUGHNESS.

ROTTERDAM, May 31. Messages received from Berlin show that Herr von Bockels (Director of Food Supply) is carrying out the organisation of food distribution with characteristic Prussian thoroughness. He is securing houses, the use of the food at all private houses. The Municipality of Berlin has established 25 large kitchens to supply 620,000 persons daily, the price of a meal being 35 pfennigs. Other municipalities have taken similar action.

Communal feeding was originally intended for the working-class districts, but many of the middle classes are in a sad plight. This is causing an agitation in favour of the authority feeding the rich and poor in a uniform manner.

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